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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, ET, CU  
SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: CUBA IN THE HORN

REF: (A) STATE 107365; (B) NEW DELHI 6561

1. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON FONCES MEHTA TODAY AND MADE REPRESENTATION REQUESTED IN REFTEL (A). MEHTA'S VIEW IS THAT ISSUE OF CUBANS IN EHTIOPIA WILL COME UP IN FORTHCOMING NAM MEETINGS AND PARTICULARLY SO IF THEY BECOME MILITARILY ACULEE IN ERITREA. HE EXPECTS THE NAM STATES TO BE DIVIDED ON THE QUESTION, AND REFUSES TO SPECULATE ON WHAT, IF ANY, NAM POSITION MIGHT EMERGE. HE SAID THAT THE GOI HAD NOT YET FORMULATED ITS OWN POSITION, AS THEY HAVE HAD NO DEFINITE INFORMATION ON PERMANENT FOREIGN BASES BEING CONSTRUCTED IN ETHIOPIA OR ON CUBAN MILITARY INTERVENTIONS IN ERITREA.

2. INDIA REGARDS A BASIC FEATURE OF NON-ALIGNMENT TO BE FREEDOM FROM MILITARY LINKAGES WITH THE MAJOR POWERS, AND HAS CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED THE LONG TERM PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN A COUNTRY. AT THE SAME TIME IT RECOGNIZES THE RIGHT OF ANY COUNTRY TO ASK FOR MILITARY

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ASSISTANCE AGAINST AGGRESSION.

3. WHEN I TOLD HIM OF MY TALK WITH THE YUGOSLAVIAN AMBASSADOR LAST WEEK AND THE SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE HE HAD ATTACHED TO ANY MOVEMENT OF CUBAN FORCES INTO ERITREA (REFTEL B), MEHTA SAID FONMIN MINIC WOULD BE ARRIVING IN DELHI MAY 4 AND INDIA'S MEA WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE

REVIEWING THIS QUESTION WITH HIM.  
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